# Intelligence report — questions remain

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After a year of probing America's spy community, the Senate Intelligence Committee leaves two questions unanswered: the size of the CIA budget and the role of U.S. colleges and universities in CIA secret operations.

The full Senate has been asked by the Committee whether to release the full cost to American taxpayers of U.S. intelligence operations. Such release already has been rejected by the House.

The committee, chaired by Idaho Democrat Frank Church, has alerted private institutions, particularly in the American academic community, that there is a problem of professional and academic standards because of secret dealings with the CIA.

In a "spirit of cooperation," the committee deleted specific details of such CIA domestic relations at the request of CIA director George Bush.

Several hundred American academics — faculty, graduate students, and administrators —

provide leads, make introductions for intelligence purposes, and occasionally write books and other material for propaganda purposes, said the committee report in a CIA-edited version.

At least 60 academics are "used in an unwitting manner for minor activities," it continued. Few people in each of the some 100 schools are aware of the CIA link. CIA considers these secret relationships as its most sensitive domestic operation.

The total price tag for America's intelligence operation ranges in the billions, the report says, and has been reported between $4 billion and $7 billion.

Differences between the committee and the CIA over release of secret information has in the past year been resolved by negotiation. No major leaks have resulted. But on the question of releasing the total CIA budget, the Congress will give an indication of how it will oversee the nation's security establishment in the future.

Also up for Senate consideration next week is the committee's resolution on ways Congress can control covert activities. One sticky

point between Congress and the Ford administration: Should Congress have pre-knowledge of covert acts and veto power over them?

"They don't need advance notice," said CIA head Bush Monday (April 36).

Also recommended by the Senate panel is placing paramilitary operations under constraint of the War Powers Act, requiring congressional approval. Chairman Church concluded that covert operations "have done more harm than good."

In all, the committee made 183 recommendations detailing new laws and procedures for avoiding abuses in the intelligence community. One proposed change would make ambassadors, presently ignorant of CIA operations in their own country, recipients of all intelligence information. The committee also recommended that individual academics "should be informed of their involvement in clandestine activity."

Republican vice-chairman of the committee Sen. John Tower of Texas, along with Sen. Barry Goldwater (R) of Arizona, said the committee's recommendations could endanger America's security.

## CIA data withheld

Senate investigators deleted from their final report figures showing how much is spent by U.S. intelligence agencies after CIA Director George Bush warned that disclosure of the amount would damage U.S. security.